

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7689–S7773

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2611–2618, S.J. Res. 40–41, and S. Res. 399–400. **Pages S7749–50**

Measures Reported:

S. 180, to establish the National Aviation Heritage Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–292)

S. 211, to establish the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area in the State of New Mexico. (S. Rept. No. 108–293)

S. 323, to establish the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area, Louisiana, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–294)

S. 1241, to establish the Kate Mullany National Historic Site in the State of New York, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–295)

S. 1727, to authorize additional appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–296)

S. 1957, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the States on the border with Mexico and other appropriate entities in conducting a hydrogeologic characterization, mapping, and modeling program for priority transboundary aquifers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–297)

S. 2046, to authorize the exchange of certain land in Everglades National Park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–298)

S. 2319, to authorize and facilitate hydroelectric power licensing of the Tapoco Project, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–299)

H.R. 1303, to amend the E-Government Act of 2002 with respect to rulemaking authority of the Judicial Conference. **Page S7749**

Measures Passed:

Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act: Senate passed H.R. 218, to amend title 18, United States

Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7772–73**

Class Action Fairness Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2062, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7697–S7743**

Pending:

Frist Amendment No. 3548, relative to the enactment date of the Act. **Pages S7698–99**

Frist Amendment No. 3549 (Amendment No. 3548), relative to the enactment date of the Act.

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Frist Motion to Commit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to report back forthwith. **Page S7699**

Frist Amendment No. 3550 (to the instructions of the motion to commit), relative to the enactment date of the Act. **Page S7699**

Frist Amendment No. 3551 (Amendment No. 3550), relative to the enactment date of the Act.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, July 9, 2004.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, July 8, 2004.

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Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of David M. Stone, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation for a period not to exceed 30 calendar days. **Page S7772**

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Measures Referred:

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 Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:17 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, July 8, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7773.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration, who was introduced by Senator Sununu, and J. Russell George, of Virginia, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Timothy S. Bitsberger, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Paul Jones, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, all of the Department of the Treasury, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine juvenile detention centers, focusing on unnecessary incarceration of youth who are waiting for community mental health services, after receiving testimony from Representative

Waxman; Carol Carothers, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Augusta, Maine; Tammy Seltzer, Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, Washington, D.C.; Leonard B. Dixon, Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility, Detroit, Michigan, on behalf of the National Juvenile Detention Association; Ernestine S. Gray, Orleans Parish Juvenile Court, New Orleans, Louisiana; and Kenneth J. Martinez, Director, New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department, Santa Fe.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael H. Schneider, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Hutchinson, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Property Rights concluded a hearing to examine United States efforts to combat human trafficking and slavery, after receiving testimony from Johnny K. Stutton, United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas, and Michael T. Shelby, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, both of Department of Justice; Mary Ellen Dougherty, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Joseph Mettimano, World Vision, and Mohamed Y. Mattar, Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, and Sr. Wendy Patten, Human Rights Watch, all of Washington, D.C.; and Charles Song, Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking, Los Angeles, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

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Measures Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 4767–4777; 1 private bill, H.R. 4778; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 705, 708–709 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H5330–31

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4766, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–584);